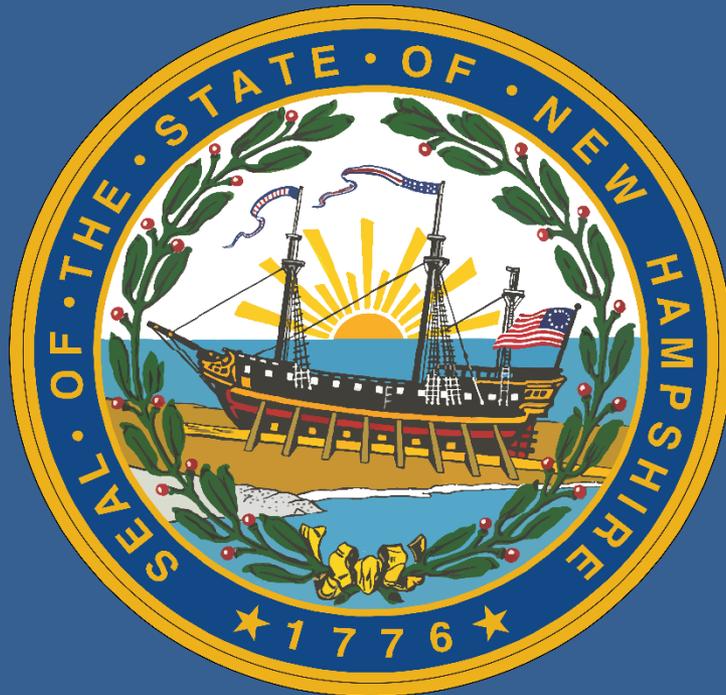


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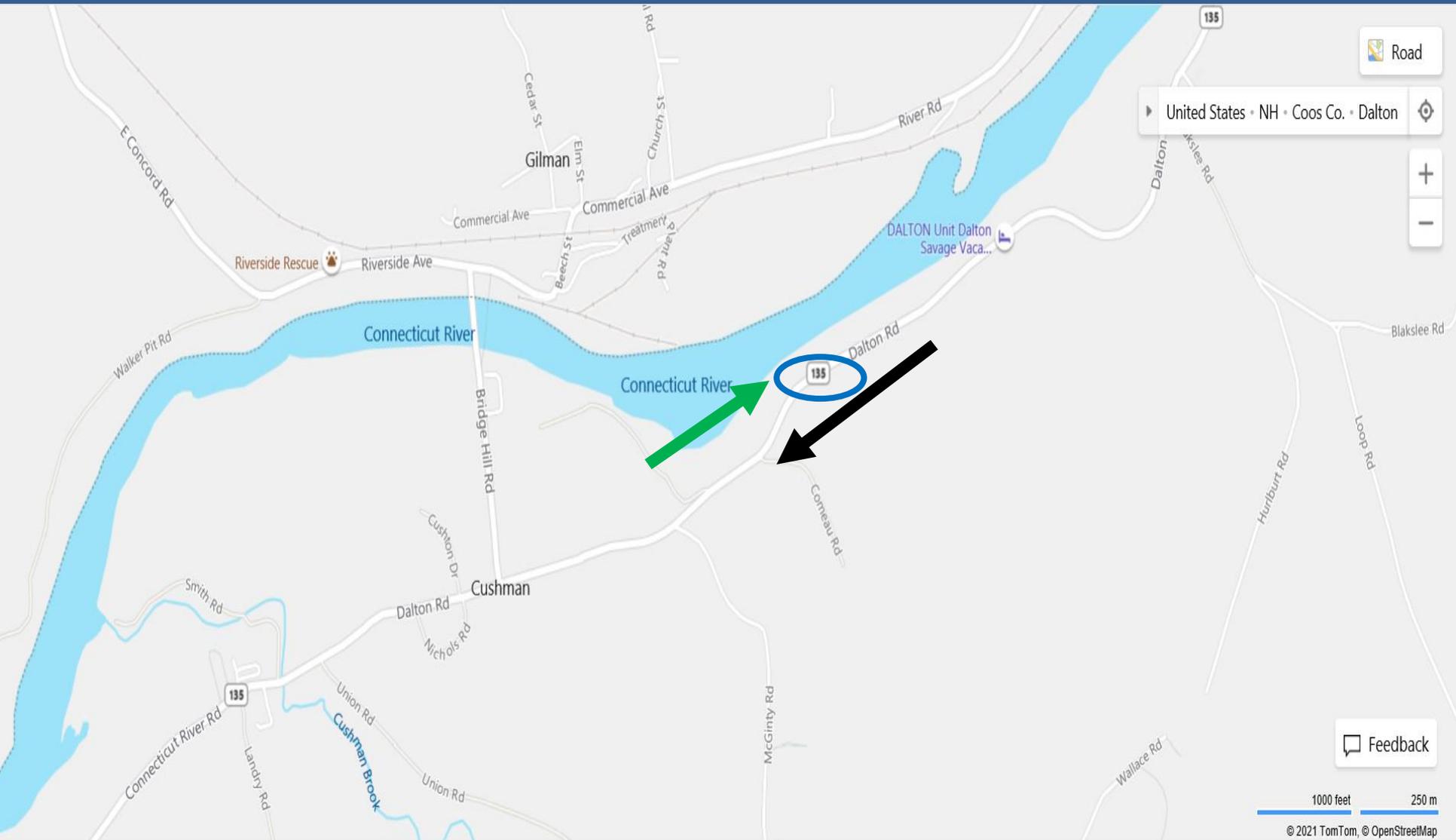
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December 23, 2020

New Hampshire State Police Trooper
Matthew Merrill

Dalton, New Hampshire



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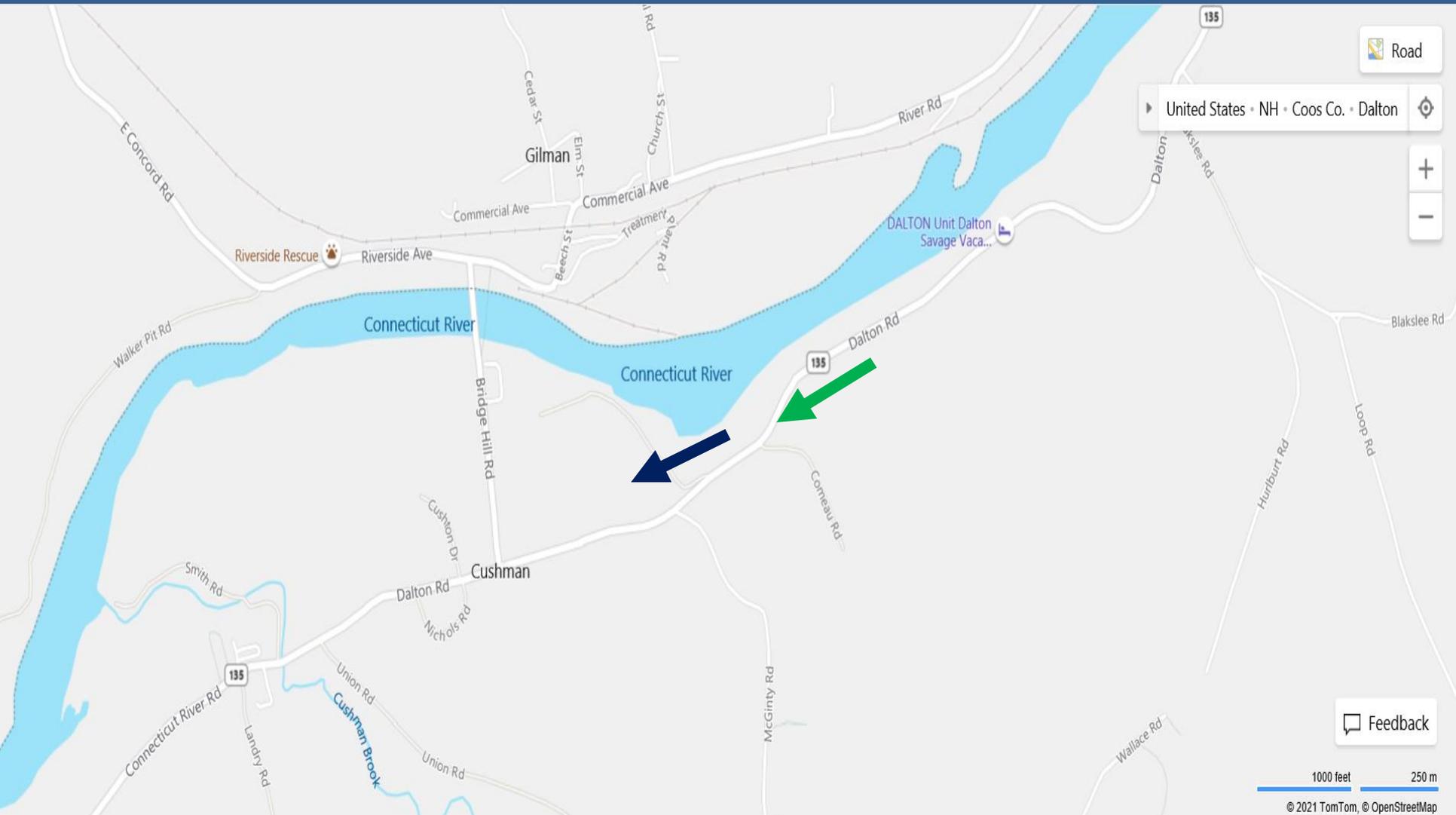
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Mark R. Clermont

Sixteen convictions

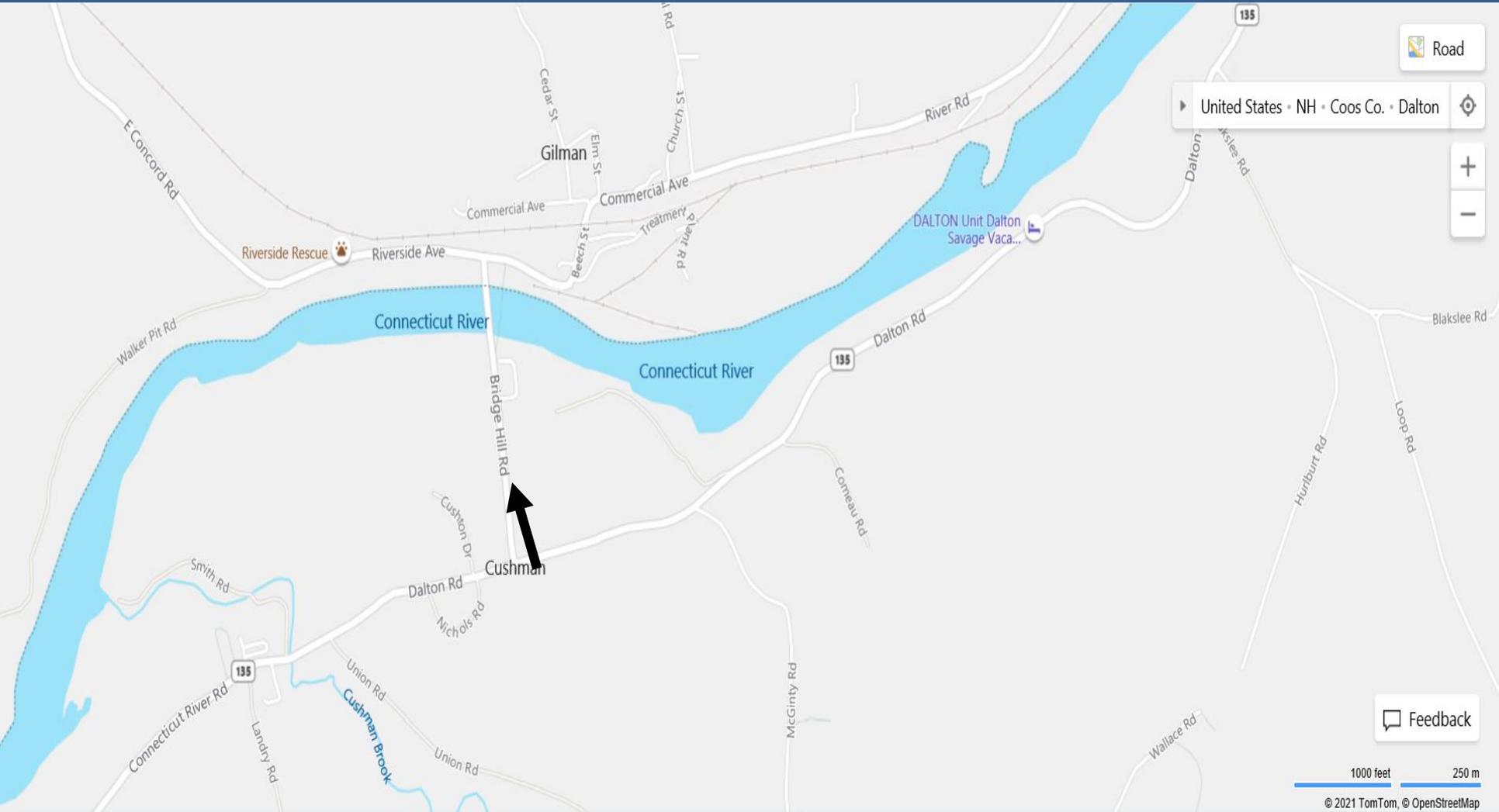
Three felonies

Two of those felonies disqualified Mr. Clermont
from owning or possessing firearms

Felony for Habitual Offender – license revoked

Mr. Clermont said that if:

“he was ever caught driving again that he was never going back to prison.”



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Trooper Merrill: “Stop! Police!”

Mr. Clermont: “What do you want?”

Trooper Merrill: “Stop! Police!”

Mr. Clermont: “Leave me alone. I’m going to see my friends.”



Trooper Merrill shot and wounded

“Gummy”

“Really confused”

Mr. Clermont put his gun to the
back of Trooper Merrill's head



**“609, Bridge
Hill Road,
shots fired,
I’m hit!”**





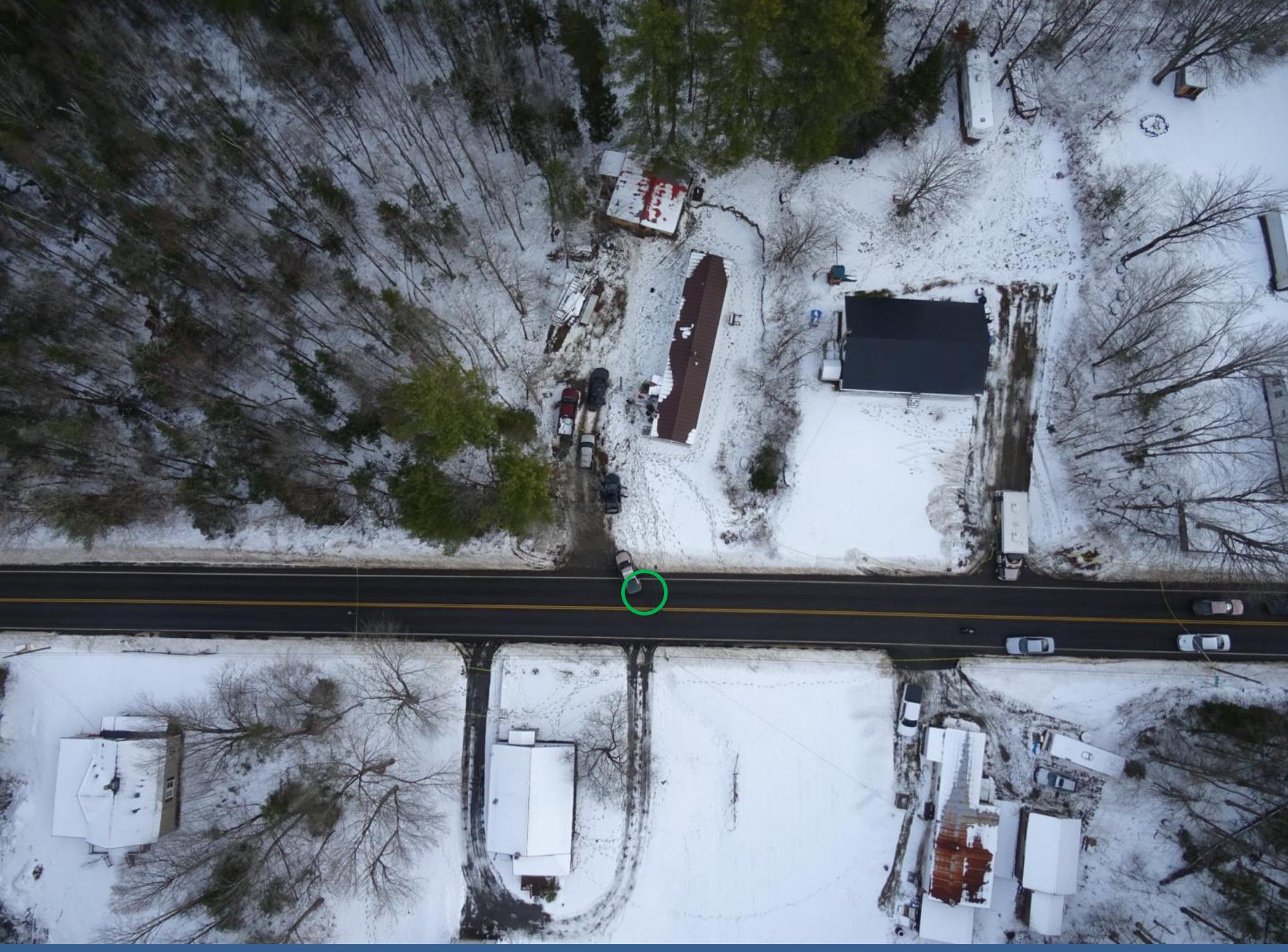


Mr. Clermont showed up at the door

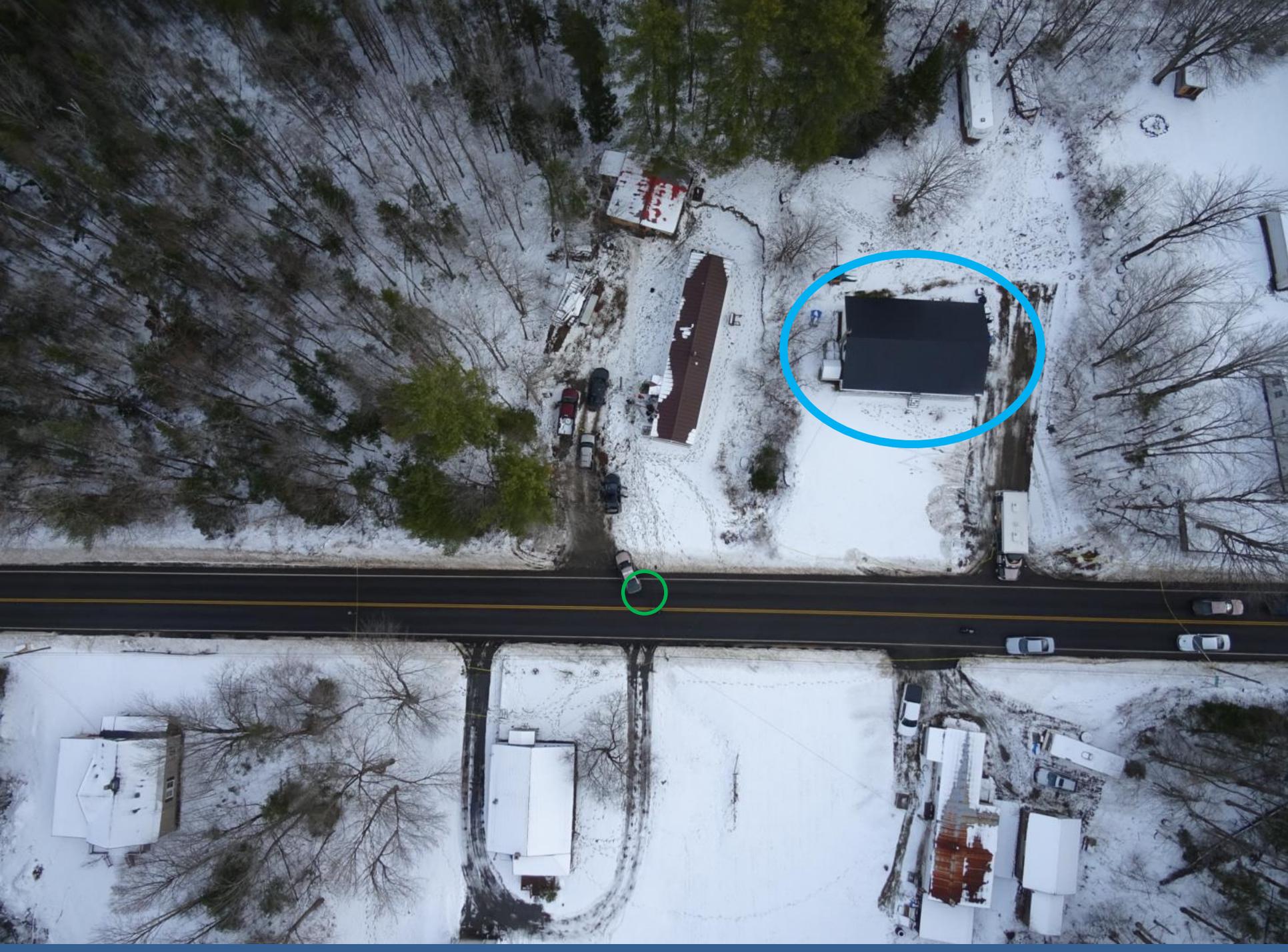
Had AK style rifle in his hands

Pistol in a holster

Blood around the ear







Trooper Merrill's wounds

Gunshot wound to the abdomen

Gunshot wound to the right foot











CTM-2a



CSM-2











CSM-3







Autopsy Results

Two gunshot wounds:

Graze wound to the right side of the head; and

Fatal wound to the left side of head.







Mr. Clermont's firearms

7.62 caliber casings (rifle) 9

.45 caliber casings (pistol) 3

Total 12

Trooper Merrill's firearms

.223 caliber casings (rifle) 12

.45 caliber casings (pistol) 6

Total 18

Total casings recovered 30

Trooper Matthew Merrill

- 2015 Became a member of SWAT Team
- 2012 Joined the N.H. State Police
- 2011 Worked at the Grantham Police Department
- 2005 Served in the National Guard



People in the shed at the scene

Christopher Landry

Eric Landry

Carey Landry

Fourth witness at the scene

Kristin Sellers

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2020

Paranoid – “Feds” after him

Apocalypse coming

“Key” - Aliens in the sky

Paranoid about being hacked

Water poisoned

Mental health issues

“Feds”

Criminal record

Desire to avoid prison

RSA 627:5, II(a): a law enforcement officer is justified in using deadly force when he reasonably believes that such force is necessary to defend himself or a third person from what he reasonably believes to be the imminent use of deadly force.

RSA 627:9, II, defines “deadly force” as “any assault . . . which the actor commits with the purpose of causing or which he knows to create a substantial risk of causing death or serious bodily injury.”

“Purposely firing a weapon capable of causing serious bodily injury or death in the direction of another person . . . constitutes deadly force.” RSA 627:9, II.

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